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8/26/93

Dear Mr. Mankiewicz,

I understand that Mr. Stone is seeking help in responding to Gerald Posner's book and that he asked it of my friend Jim Lesar and others. They decided that it would probably be unwise to suggest to him that he ask me for help. Perhaps that is so or perhaps he would prefer not to.

I gave Lesar something rather definitive on dishonesty, deliberate dishonesty, when we spoke this morning. I presume he gave that bit about Linda Willis, whose name Posner had wrong in what is basic to his theory palmed off as fact.

Mr. Stone has been bedding with only conspiracy theorists and they are not long on fact, where they are not strange to it.

If Mr. Stone does want definitive, factual help, complete with pictures, I can give him enough now and I have not yet read the book. I've done just a little spot checking.

This offer, whether or not he accepts it, is not as strange as it may seem. After I caused that publicity he did not like I still offered him access to all I have.

If he or one of his people does want to phone me (301/473-8186) I ask that they please remember that from medical problems I should be abed by 7 p.m.

Sincerely

Harold Weisberg

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I'll be reading this bit of impeccable dishonesty when and as I can for my own purposes. Later I'll have more. But I could also spot check more if needed now.

Posner's is about as deliberately dishonest a book as there is on the subject.

It is the deliberateness of the dishonesty I emphasize. Not careless mistakes.

And no peer review.